REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-23 and 28-30. The Examiner also indicated that claims 24-27 were allowable. The Examiner objected to claims 24 and 31. Claims 24 and 31 have been amended in response to these objections. The Examiner rejected claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

A.   Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 24 and 31. The Examiner required clarification regarding to what "a termination attribute" of claim 24 at line 18 refers. The Examiner objected to claim 31 based on improper antecedent basis.

Applicants have amended the "termination attribute" of claim 24 at line 18 to recite "the termination attribute" in reference to "a termination attribute" on line 7. Applicants have amended claim 31 to correct the antecedent basis of the claim elements. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn.

B.   Claim 31 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2005/0209914 to Nguyen et al. (hereinafter, "Nguyen"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP § 2131 (citing Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." Id. (citing Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989)). In addition, "the reference must be enabling and describe the applicant's claimed invention sufficiently to have placed

it in possession of a person of ordinary skill in the field of the invention." In re Paulsen, 31 USPQ2d

1671, 1673 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims at issue are patentably distinct from Nguyen.

Nguyen does not disclose all of the limitations in these claims.

Claim 31 has been amended to recite a graphical user interface "comprising a template for

creating an electronic announcement, the template containing a termination event field." Support for

this amendment may at least be found in Applicants' Specification on page 9, paragraphs [026] and

[027]; page 22, paragraph [060]; page 23, paragraph [062]; page 27, paragraph [071]; page 28,

paragraph [074]; and page 30, paragraph [079]. In view of this amendment, Applicants submit that

Nguyen does not disclose "a termination event field," as recited in claim 31.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that "Nguyen teaches ... a template (fig.4 (56)) for

creating an electronic announcement." Office Action, page 3. However, Applicants respectfully

submit that the Examiner has not cited, nor can Applicants find, any portion of Nguyen that discloses

a "template containing a termination event field," as recited in claim 31.

The Examiner cited to various elements of Nguyen's Figure 4 as disclosing a template. A

portion of the description of Nguyen's Figure 4 states:

> The user can take the event page offline to make modifications. For
> example, the user may know that registration capacity is about to be reached
> and bring the site offline to increase capacity. The user can thus suspend and
> un-suspend the event page. If a registrant goes to the event page while a site
> is suspended, the registrant can receive some notification that the site is
> temporarily unavailable.
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> The user may create an event that recurs on a regular schedule, such as a
> monthly meeting for a professional association. When the user organizes the
> event using the online tools (i.e. creates the event), the user can choose to
> make it a recurring event a set a schedule for it, such as daily, x day each
> week, x day each month, etc. The user can easily put the event on/off the
> schedule, or cancel a specific instance, at anytime. If the user cancels and
> instance or entire series, the user can choose to send cancellation notification
> to the attendees, invitees, and/or guests. The user may want to schedule when
> the invitation is to be sent out, such as one week before the event, one month
> before the event, etc.

Nguyen, page 3, paragraphs [0055] and [0056]. Although Nguyen may disclose that a user may "take the event page offline to make modifications," "suspend and un-suspend the event page," and "put the event on/off the schedule or cancel a specific instance, at anytime," Nguyen does not disclose the use of a termination event field, as recited in claim 31.

For example, "tak[ing] the event page offline to make modifications" is not "a termination event," as recited in claim 31, because if the purpose of taking the event page offline is merely to make modifications, the event page is not "terminated." Likewise, "suspend[ing] and un-suspend[ing] the event page" connotes the temporary nature of the suspension. Furthermore, "put[ting] the event on/off the schedule or cancel a specific instance, at anytime" may disclose that the event may be put on or off the schedule or cancelled at any time, but does not disclose "a termination event field," as recited in claim 31.

Merely being able to "suspend," "put ... off the schedule," "cancel," or "take ... offline" is not "a termination field," as recited in claim 31. Therefore, Applicants submit that the Examiner has not cited, nor can Applicants find, any portion of Nguyen that discloses "comprising a template for creating an electronic announcement, the template containing a termination event field," as recited in claim 31. Consequently, Nguyen does not disclose each and every element as set forth in claim 31.
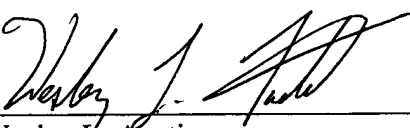
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 31 is patentably distinct from Nguyen. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

C. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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